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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

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ORDER/DOCKET NO.: 4417

FOR: PHOTSENSITIVE POLYSILAZANE COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF
FORMING PATTERNED POLYSILAZANE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

S I R:

This application is a continuation of PCT/JP99/05498 filed October 5,
1999.

It is requested that the application be amended as follows.

Please replace the pages containing claims 1-14 with the attached pages
containing claims 1-23. Also, attached is a copy of claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10 as
amended and a copy of new claims 15-23.

REMARKS

A Preliminary Amendment has been made to eliminate the multiple
dependency of claims 6, 8 and 10 including the addition of new claims 15-23. The
amendment is believed to place the application in better condition for examination and
allowance.